

Appendix 1 Summary of the FPA project

The Future Parks Accelerator (FPA) is a new national initiative to enable 5-8 places to develop ambitious solutions to secure and enhance the future of public parks and green spaces in the UK.

Both the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and National Trust (NT) have teamed up to create the FPA as a joint venture, with £10million of resource to back the ambitions and plans of the selected places and help make them a reality.

Over the next 2 years the FPA fund will give NCC vital headspace to do strategic thinking and development and offer practical support and know-how from experts and peers. It will be a creative catalyst to develop bold solutions. As part of the offer there will be a dedicated team to support applicants at every step.

Nottingham become one of 8 authorities who have where selected to deliver the 1st round of FPA projects in 2019.

The extension of the project until the end of March 2022 will enable the team to continue developing the FPA themes in order to create an innovative, exciting 25 year Parks and Green Space strategy which will focus on:

- Establishing a well-developed, restructured volunteer offer
- Ensuring that cultural changes are embedded within our service and with partners, securing pathways that Influence the green benefits, ecology and climate change agendas
- Have created pathways for connecting our city better
- Have created lasting partnerships to help improve our citizens H&WB and access to O&GS
- Created an inward investment plan developing both our charitable and commercial opportunities
- Have developed a sponsorship prospectus and trialled various options for increasing income.
- Will develop opportunities to establish a management and Operational Trust to help manage and sustain Nottingham's Parks.

The project will continue to fund the existing project management team including the extension of the following fixed term contract posts until the 31st March 2022.

- Project Manager Grade J - 2yr FTC
- Project Officers x 2 Grade H - 2yr FTC
- Senior Administration Officer x 2 Grade E - 2yr FTC

Funding

The NTNL have awarded Nottingham £166,618 to cover staff costs and the costs of any surveys, consultations and any specialist consultancy support.

Next Steps

The project team is already in place and will now continue to deliver the project until the end of March 2022.